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PASSING OF CAPT E. RAYMOND HUDSON JR., DC, USN, RETIRED

3 January 1934 - 14 December 2013

Dr. E. Raymond Hudson Jr., DDS, Captain U.S. Navy, retired, died on Saturday, December 14, 2013, after a yearlong battle with Mesothelioma. He was born in Newport News, VA, January 3, 1934, the son of Elmer R. Hudson, Sr. and Emily (Saunders) Hudson. Ray graduated from Warwick High School in Newport News, VA, Class of 1951. For two summers, Ray worked as an apprentice in the Newport News Ship Yard after high school. From 1952 to 1956, he attended Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, VA receiving a BS degree. After Lynchburg College, Ray attended and graduated from Dental School at MCV in Richmond, VA. Ray married Gloria Anne Rattelade in 1958 and resided in Richmond for two years.



He was commissioned by the U.S. Navy in 1960 and served for 33 years until his retirement. He and his family were stationed in Norfolk, VA in 1960, Virginia Beach, VA from 1961 – 1964, Naples, Italy from 1964 – 1967, Bethesda, MD from 1967 – 1970, Charleston, S.C. from 1970 – 1974, Naval Air Station Jacksonville, FL and Cecil Field Jacksonville, FL from 1974 – 1978, The Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD from 1978 – 1982, The Navy Base in Orlando, FL from 1982 – 1986, and once again at Cecil Field, Jacksonville, FL from 1986 – 1993.

Ray and Gloria eventually moved to Gainesville FL in 2009. He was a member of Queen of Peace Catholic Community. He enjoyed coin and stamp collecting, and the challenge of fine tuning his golf game. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Gloria Hudson of Durham, N.C.; two daughters Kim Wietzke and husband Lenny of Gainesville, FL, Joan Silva and her husband Nathan of Altamonte Springs, FL, and son David Raymond Hudson and his wife Marie of Marietta, GA. He was blessed with 8 grandchildren.

A celebration of Ray's Life will take place on his 80th birthday, January 3, 2014.

10:00 am - Memorial Mass at Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 10900 SW 24th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32606

2:30 pm - Jacksonville National Cemetery (1.5-2 hr drive from Gainesville), 4083 Lannie Rd, Jacksonville, FL, 32218

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Mesothelioma Research Foundation of America at www.mesorfa.org (Click on "support Mesorfa" in the right corner) or the Queen of Peace Catholic Community, 10900 S.W. 24th Ave., Gainesville, FL 32606.

The web link www.williamsthomasfuneralhome.com will take you to Williams-Thomas Funeral Home's website, for those that wish to sign the guest book, share their respects, or send private condolences to the family of CAPT Hudson.

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